

## WE CLAIM:

1. A process for preparing (S)-3-Methylamino-1-(2-thienyl)-1-propanol comprising:  
5 resolving racemic – (S)-3-Methylamino-1-(2-thienyl)-1-propanol with (S)-(-)-2-pyrrolidone-5-carboxylic acid or 2,3,4,5-di-O-isopropylidene-2-keto-L-gulonic acid in a first organic solvent;  
racemizing a stereomerically enriched mixture; and crystallizing (S)-3-Methylamino-1-(2-thienyl)-1-propanol by resolving racemic (S)-3-Methylamino-  
10 1-(2-thienyl)-1-propanol with 2,3,4,6-di-O-isopropylidene in a second organic solvent.
2. The process of Claim 1 wherein the resolution of racemic (S)-3-Methylamino-1-(2-thienyl)-1-propanol is with 2,3,4,6-di-O-isopropylidene-2-keto-L-  
15 gulonic acid.
3. The process of any one of Claims 1 or 2 wherein the first organic solvent is selected from isopropanol, tetrahydrofuran, acetone or ethyl acetate.
- 20 4. The process of any one of Claims 1, 2 or 3 wherein the first organic solvent is isopropanol.
5. The process of any one of Claims 1 through 4 wherein the second organic solvent is selected from isopropanol, tetrahydrofuran, acetone or ethyl acetate.  
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6. The process of any one of Claims 1 through 5 wherein the second organic solvent is isopropanol.